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FOOD PROCESSING TRAINING CENTRES
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Food Processing Training Centres and training-cum-product development centers set up by the Government in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(b) the details of the special schemes and programmes for tribal people of these islands; and

(c) the financial assistance given by the Government in this regard during the last three years, including the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (I/C) (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI)

(a): Under a Component of the Ministry's Scheme of Human Resource Development i.e. Food Processing Training Centre the Government is assisting State Government Organizations, Educational & Training Institutions, Non-Governmental Organizations & Cooperatives etc. in setting up of Food Processing Training Centre in the country in various States for skill upgradation and training of unskilled and unemployed youths so as to enable them to either set up their own food processing unit or get employment in food processing industries. Government of its own does not set up Food Processing Training Centre. The Directorate of Industries, Industries Department, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Port Blair has set up one multi product line Food Processing Training Centre with assistance of Rs. 6.90 lakhs from this Ministry in year 1998-99.

(b): Ministry of Food Processing Industries provides financial assistance in the form of grant in aid under the Scheme of Technology Upgradation/ Modernization/ Establishment of food processing industries for promotion of fruits & vegetables processing units. Under this Scheme, the Ministry extends financial assistance to food processing units in the form of grant-in-aid @ 25% of the cost of Plant and Machinery and Technical Civil Works subject to maximum of Rs. 50.00 lakhs in general areas or 33.33% subject to maximum of Rs. 75.00 lakhs in difficult areas. In order to ensure speedy disbursement of the financial assistance, the Ministry has decentralized the disbursement procedure through banks under the Scheme of Technology Upgradation/ Modernization/ Establishment of food processing industries w.e.f. 01.04.07. Besides, under Mini Mission IV of Technology Mission of Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States, Sikkim, J&K, Uttrakhand and Himachal Pradesh, higher level of assistance @ 50% upto Rs. 4 crores for promotion of new units and upto Rs. 1 crore for upgradation / modernization of units is available for processing of horticulture produce.

Under the Human Resource Development Scheme Ministry provides assistance for creation of infrastructure facilities for running Degree Diploma Courses in food Processing Technology upto Rs.75.00 lakhs and also provides assistance upto Rs.2 lakhs for conducting Entrepreneurship Development Programme.

Ministry has also identified thrust areas for strategic intervention for the 11th Plan, by establishing Mega Food Parks, Cold-chain/ value addition and preservation infrastructure, capacity building by setting up of National Institute of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship & Management (NIFTEM) and establishment / upgradation of Quality Control Laboratories, which could result in increasing the level of processing, value addition of food products, including perishables.

The Budgetary allocation of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries has been increased from Rs. 650 crores during the 10th Plan to Rs. 4031 crores for the 11th Plan.

The Ministry also extends financial assistance for setting up Food Testing Labs, implementation of quality systems such as Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP), ISO 9000, Good Hygiene Practices (GHP) and Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP), promotion of Research and Development, capacity building for Human Resource Development.

The Ministry also proposes to implement a revamped scheme in the 11th Plan for Infrastructure Development under which, it envisages giving enhanced financial assistance for setting up Mega Food Parks upto Rs. 50 crores, cold chain infrastructure, value added centres, packaging centres upto Rs. 10 crores and modernization of Abattoirs upto Rs. 15 crores. The scheme will provide backward and forward linkages as well as a reliable and sustainable supply chain.

All the plan schemes of this Ministry for promotion of food processing industries are meant for all the citizens of India. However special weightage is given to Tribals/SC/ST/OBC and women entrepreneurs. During the last three years no proposal for setting up of Food Processing Training Centres from Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands has been received.

(c): During the last three years 84 Food Processing Training Centres have been assisted with Rs. 221.11 lakhs all over India.